

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner sets forth a restriction/election requirement, asserting that Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 correspond to two patentably distinct species. This requirement is respectfully **traversed**. However, since it is a mandatory requirement to at least provisionally elect one of the species, the Applicant hereby **provisionally elect Fig. 4 and claims 6-9** for prosecution in this Application. At least claims 1 and 6-18 are readable on Fig. 4. Claim 1 is a generic claim. The Applicants believe that both alleged species should be examined, at least because they both contain the novel features as recited in claim 1.

It is noted that the United States Patent Law does not require that Examiners enter non-unity objections, and therefore the Examiner is requested to reconsider the non-unity objection in view of the fact that the Figures, while distinct, are sufficiently related that it would not be an undue burden upon the Examiner to examiner all figures in a single application.

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